

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 14, 15, and 33-37 are pending. New claims 33-37, which are identical to original claims 16-20, have been added. In his telephone conversation with the undersigned regarding a restriction requirement in USSN 09/986,992, on June 20, 2003, Examiner Nashed specified that only claims 14 and 15 were in Group V. Accordingly, Applicants filed the present application to claims 14 and 15 and canceled the remaining claims.

The Office Action dated September 23, 2003, which issued in the parent case, however, related that Group V is directed to claims 14-20. Applicants have corrected this inconsistency by adding new claims 33-37, which correspond to claims 16-20, to the present application. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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